CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gathering in Worship, Growing in God's Word, Serving in Jesus' name

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word
October 25, 2026

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are glad that you are here to worship with us today! Please sign the pew booklets in the pews. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself and sign our guest book in the narthex along with the pew booklet.

Service of the Word begins on page 203 in the red hymnal.

✷ ***Please stand as you are able.*** †***Please be seated.***

Prelude: Carla Kuehn

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

✷ **Gathering Song** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" **ELW # 504**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear the good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

✷ **Kyrie**

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** Let us pray:

O Lord God, **you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

† **Choir Anthem** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Directed by Vicky Harris*
Accompanied by Carla Kuehn

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

19 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: [2] "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. [15] "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. [16] You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.

[17] "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. [18] You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Psalm 1

[1]Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread of sit in the seat of scoffers.

[2]But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

[3]They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

[4]The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

[5]Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

[6]For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

2 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, [2] but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. [3] For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, [4] but, just as we have been approved by God to be

entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. 5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, 7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Here ends the readings. ***Thanks be to God.***

✷**Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia, Lord and Savior…" **ELW pg. 205**

Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew – this is the 22nd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." 41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 42 "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 44'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? 45 "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" 46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of our Lord: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

†Sermon *Rev. Erik Karlson*

Hymn of the Day "The Church of Christ, in Every Age" **ELW # 729**

✷**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

STEWARDING GOD'S GIFTS

We offer to God what is God's own

†Offering

[Please remember to send your much appreciated and needed weekly tithes and offerings.]

✷**Offering Hymn** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessing are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Benediction

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.
The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.

The God of grace
☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song "Thy Strong Word" **ELW # 511**
Verses 1-2,5-6

Dismissal
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Carla Kuehn

A special thank you to all who assisted with our worship service today:

Organist: Carla Kuehn
Cantor: Dennis Davis
Lector: Connie Duenow
Acolyte: -
Kitchen Guild: Linda Simonson
Altar Guild: Bonnie Hahn, Connie Heitz
Head Usher: Connie Duenow
Ushers: Robert Scheidt, Becky Peterson
Audio/Visual: Roxanne Wavra
Greeters: Twyla Kirkeby
Refreshments: -

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Please lift these people up in prayers this week: *Mary Entinger, LuAnn Harms, Laura Mackenthun (Daughter of Dennis and Linda Roisum), Mark St. Germain (Son-in-law of Gerald and Vicky Harris), Bev Phifer, Dennis Hendrickson (Father of Connie Duenow), Brian Jenneke and Brady Jenneke (Son and Grandson of Rodger & Barb Jenneke), Jim Reiners (Brother of Joann Chrast), Carleen Bedoway, Lindsey Kirkeby (Daughter-in-law of Twyla), Bob Butcher, Desiree Leinhard (niece of Bonnie, cousin of Jamie Alsleben), Mark Johnson, Wally Rannow, Tim & Susie Rolighed (Mother and Father of Megan Hoffman), Andrew Stockman (Son of Lisa Style), Kristal Elias.*

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, October 25, Service of the Word at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary; Loren Mueller Funeral at 1:00 PM (visitation 11am – 1pm); GSL Schools at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Monday, October 26, Worship Service Televised at 3:00 PM on Channel 10.

Tuesday, October 27, Bible Study at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room; GSL Schools at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Wednesday, October 28, Pastoral Text Study at 1:00 PM in the Fireside Room; Worship Service Televised at 2:00 PM on Channel 10; Choir Practice at 6:00 PM in the Chapel; Confirmation Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf event at 6:00 PM.

Thursday, October 29, Men's Bible Study at 9:00 AM in the Narthex; WELCA Leadership meeting at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room; Women's Coffee at 10:00 AM in the Narthex.
Friday, October 30, Office Closed.
Saturday, October 31, -
Sunday, November 1, Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM in the Sanctuary; Sunday School.

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Find out what's going on at Christ Lutheran

Healing Hearts

Grieving the loss of a loved one can be a difficult journey, and you don't have to walk it alone. If you are seeking fellowship and support as you navigate your grief, we warmly invite you to join us for the first informal gathering of Healing Hearts.
We will meet on Tuesday, November 17th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Narthex at Christ Lutheran Church.
Whether your loss is recent or some time ago, you are welcome just as you are. We hope you'll join us as we begin this journey together.

HealingHearts
Grief Support Group

Giving Report

As of September 30, 2026, actual giving totaled **$293,517.08**
Budgeted giving through May 19, 2026, **$321,223.50**
Giving Ahead/(behind) Budget **($27,706.42)**

Community Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner

Join us for a Community Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner on Thursday, November 26, 2026, at 12 PM (Noon). Address: 1400 Elliott Avenue, Glencoe, MN
Everyone is welcome, seniors, individuals, and families. Come enjoy a Thanksgiving meal and fellowship with our community. This meal is funded in part by a grant from Thrivent Financial, Priority One, Michael's Foods, Seneca, along with Christ Lutheran, Good Shepherd, and First Congregational Church.
No charge. A freewill offering to support the local food shelf.
Please RSVP (required) by Wednesday, November 18 - Call (320) 864-3855
We look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving together.

October Wheelbarrow Emphasis

This October, our Wheelbarrow emphasis is soups - either canned or dried. As the weather gets cooler, nothing warms you up, quite like a comforting bowl of soup! Let's fill up the wheelbarrow and help stock the food shelf.

Use of the food shelf has increased dramatically over the past year, and they are so appreciative of Christ Lutheran's generosity and continued support.

WELCA

Bulletin, Newsletter, and Worship Service Deadlines

In an effort to ensure that worship services plans can be finalized, and that the bulletins and newsletters can be edited and reviewed, in a timely manner, we are posting official deadlines for submission. We thank everyone for helping us make these productions as wonderful as we can!

Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Wednesdays 12 PM